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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 have been allowed. Claims 1, 3, 13, 15, 18 and 19 are rejected. Claims 5, 7, 9, 11, 16, 17 and 23 were indicated to be allowable, subject to being rewritten to include the limitations of base claims and intervening claims.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 – 20, and claims 22 – 23 are cancelled hereby. Claims 24 – 32 are added by way of amendment. Claims 24 – 32 correspond to claims that were objected to.

Specifically, newly added independent Claim 24 corresponds to Claim 5, now cancelled.

Newly added independent Claim 25 corresponds to Claim 7, now cancelled.

Newly added dependent Claim 26 corresponds to Claim 9, now cancelled.

Newly added dependent Claim 27 corresponds to Claim 11, now cancelled.

Newly added independent Claim 28 corresponds to Claim 16, now cancelled.

Newly added dependent Claim 29 corresponds to Claim 17, now cancelled.

Newly added dependent Claim 30 corresponds to Claim 20, now cancelled.

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Newly added independent Claim 31 corresponds to Claim 22, now cancelled.

Newly added independent Claim 32 corresponds to Claim 23, now cancelled.

Claim 21 was objected to, but should not have been. Claim 21 depends from Claim 8, which was indicated to be allowed.

This amendment is entered without prejudice to Applicant's entry of a continuing application to consider one or more rejected claims.

It is respectfully submitted that Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 21, and 24 - 32 are in condition for allowance. Review and allowance at the earliest possible date is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

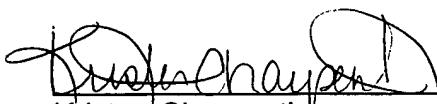

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